

Amendment No. 1 to SB2665

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2665

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by deleting SECTION 1 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 58-7-115.

(a) The department of veterans affairs shall pay one-half (1/2) of the daily costs for Tennessee veterans residing in a state veterans' home which are not otherwise paid by the United States department of veterans affairs, by private insurance or by a veteran who has the financial capability to make such payments. The department shall determine which veterans are eligible for payment under this section by taking into consideration all available sources of revenue or income to a particular veteran, including but not limited to:

- (1) United States department of veterans affairs (USDVA) payments;
- (2) Social Security benefits;
- (3) Other pensions;
- (4) Medicare benefits;
- (5) Medicaid benefits; and
- (6) Annuities, savings and investments.

The provisions of this section shall not preclude a veteran from becoming eligible for state payments who may not initially meet such eligibility requirements of the department.

(b) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

